

Existing law creates the West Calcasieu Parish Community Center Authority to build, maintain, and operate a rodeo arena, sports complex, or community center within the boundaries of Wards 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Calcasieu Parish.

Existing law provides that the authority shall consist of five members appointed as follows:

- (1) One member by the governing authority of Sulphur.
- (2) One member by the governing authority of Westlake.
- (3) One member by the governing authority of DeQuincy.
- (4) One member by the governing authority of Vinton.
- (5) One member by the governing authority of Calcasieu Parish who shall be a resident of a ward within the jurisdiction of the authority which is not otherwise represented.

New law adds two additional members appointed as follows:

- (1) One member, who shall be a resident of a ward within the jurisdiction of the authority, appointed by the member of the Louisiana House whose district comprises at least 80% of the voting population of such area.
- (2) One member, who shall be a resident of a ward within the jurisdiction of the authority, appointed by the member of the Louisiana Senate whose district comprises at least 80% of the voting population of such area.

Existing law, retained until Jan. 1, 2003, provides that members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

New law provides that, beginning Jan. 1, 2003, terms of members shall be three years after staggered initial terms. Provides that any member may be removed by the appointing authority solely at its discretion.

New law provides that the terms of all members serving on December 31, 2002, shall end on such date. Provides that the legislators authorized to make appointments shall call the first meeting of the authority after Jan. 1, 2003.

Effective upon signature of governor (July 9, 1999).

(Amends R.S. 33:4576(B)(1) and (3); Adds R.S. 33:4576(B)(2)(f) and (g))